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MONROVIA FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM

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TAGS: CGEN, EAIR, CASC, PINS, NI, FR, US
SUBJECT: CESSNA AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS DETAINED IN NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 9431

1. FMG RELEASED DETAINED PLANES AND PILOTS AUGUST 19 TO ZAIRIAN
AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS. PILOTS, WHO CURRENTLY ARE GUESTS IN RESIDENCE
OF ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR, PLAN TO CONTINUE FLIGHT IN NEXT TWO OR
THREE DAYS. PLANES, WHICH REMAIN IN UGHELLI, WILL HAVE TO BE
SERVICED AND MADE READY FOR ONWARD FLIGHT. BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSION OFFICIAL SAYS PILOTS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND ARE BEING
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TREATED ROYALLY BY ZAIRIANS.

2. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ANNOUNCING RELEASE POINTED OUT THAT ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT APOLOGIZED TO FMG OVER INCIDENT. STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT WHILE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATIONS SHOWED PILOTS HAD HAD NO REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR OVERFLYING NIGERIAN AIRSPACE, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED IN VIEW OF "EXCELLENT TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN ZAIRE AND NIGERIA TO RELEASE BOTH PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS HERE ARE GIVING ZAIRE FULL CREDIT FOR THE PLANES -- IN TERMS BOTH OF THEIR OWNERSHIP AND RELEASE. SUGGEST WE FOLLOW SUIT. ZAIRIANS SHOULD CARRY THE BALL IN ALL FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE FMG REGARDING OVERFLIGHT/LANDING REQUESTS FOR REMAINING TWELVE CESSNAS.
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